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NEW CABINET OFFICE

Frye's Bill for a Department of Commerce Will Be Passed.

SO SAYS A TRUSTWORTHY AUTHORITY

Also Stated That John A. Converse of the Baldwin Locomotive Works Has Been Tendered the Place by Maj. McKinley.

Washington, Feb. 22.—George Johnson of New York, a member of the resolutions committee of the National Association of Manufacturers, who is in this city for a few days, is authority for the statement that Senator Frye's bill to establish a department of commerce and manufactures, now pending in the United States senate, will be passed by congress, and that the additional member of President-elect McKinley's cabinet has already been chosen. The head of the new department, it is said, will be John H. Converse, president of the Baldwin Locomotive works of Philadelphia. He has been tendered the place by Major McKinley, it is asserted, contingent, of course, on the passage and approval of the bill. Considerable pressure was brought to bear upon Mark Hanna, it is stated, to accept the new portfolio, but that, like that of the postoffice department, was not to his liking. Senator Frye of Maine, W. Elroy Curtis of the Bureau of American Republics, and Theodore C. Search, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, were named and each had strong backing for the place. Mr. Search, it is said, withdrew in favor of Mr. Converse, who then received the undivided support of the Manufacturers' association. The association insisted from the beginning that the department be entirely free of politics, and that a thorough business man be placed in charge. Mr. Search probably realized that if he remained in the contest the ends of the association, of which he is the head, would be defeated, and when the proper time came he announced himself in favor of Mr. Converse. Mr. Johnson says he has positive assurances that the bill authorizing the new department will pass both houses and will be approved by the president.

WOLCOTT'S MISSION RIDICULED

An English Newspaper Attacks the Senator's European Tour.

London, Feb. 23.—The mission of United States Senator Wolcott to Europe in the interest of bimetallism is the subject of a long article in the Pall Mall Gazette, in which the paper says there is not a shred of evidence that Mr. McKinley is in sympathy with Mr. Wolcott's mission, nor is there the slightest indication that his visit to Europe had even unofficial sanction. In conclusion the Gazette says: "Senator Wolcott came as a private advocate of a cause discredited by a majority of his fellow countrymen. Under such circumstances, to expect he would receive official support from the foreign opponents of such a cause required a degree of childlike simplicity rare anywhere, and which no one would expect to find in Colorado. On his return Senator Wolcott will find that the newspapers alone will display any anxiety regarding the result of his personally conducted European tour. He has met many distinguished people in England, France and Germany; but in not one of these countries did he find that bimetallism was considered necessary to its welfare. Though this mission was absolutely fruitless, it was quite as successful as it deserved to be."

Railroad Commission Bill.

Washington, Feb. 23.—The commission, to settle the indebtedness of all bond-aided railways to the government, except the Union Pacific road, against which foreclosure proceedings have already been instituted, is dead for this session. It will not be given a day in the house. If the similar bill now on the senate calendar should pass the senate bill might be considered by the house, but this contingency is outside of probability.

U. S. Minister Ransom Loses \$50,000.

City of Mexico, Feb. 23.—United States Minister Ransom, who was selected some time ago as referee in the Guatemala-Mexico boundary dispute, has resigned, owing to the illness of his wife and the improbability of his remaining much longer in the country, and the two governments will select his successor at an early date. He was to have received a fee of \$50,000 in gold for his labor.

Flood in the Ohio at Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, Feb. 23.—The river at this point this morning registers fifty-five feet, which is ten feet above the danger line. The business interests and the public received timely warning of danger.

Newark Newspaper Rumor Denied.

Newark, N. J., Feb. 23.—It is denied at the office of the Daily Advertiser that that paper has been sold to E. B. Haines, editor of the Paterson News, and that it is to be changed to a one-cent morning paper.

PRESSED FOR TIME.

The Senate Hurrying Work on the Appropriation Bills.

Washington, Feb. 23.—The Indian appropriation bill is the unfinished business of the senate to-day, and owing to the limited time remaining to the present congress will undoubtedly be passed to-day. Another of President Cleveland's vetoes of private pension bills drew out from several senators a rather virulent condemnation of the president—Mr. Morgan contrasting the small aggregate amount of all the private pension bills passed at this congress with the large sum placed to the "bond syndicate," and Mr. Gallinger characterizing such vetoes as "trivial and foolish." The veto was referred to the committee on pensions. The Loud bill (to amend the postal laws) was reported back from the post-office committee by Mr. Chandler with amendments, including one for one-cent letter postage. This bill and report were antagonized by two popular senators—Butler and Stewart. There is no chance of definite action upon it during this congress. A resolution was adopted, fixing the daily hour of meeting on and after to-morrow at 11 a.m.

House of Representatives.

A few weeks ago only the house was the scene of a prolonged debate full of bitterness and personal accusation concerning the Pacific railroad funding bill. Another opportunity for a display of temper and recrimination on the same subject was given in the consideration of a paragraph in the deficiency bill appropriating \$1,300,000 to pay a judgment of the court of claims in favor of the Southern Pacific, but the matter was considered in a rather dignified manner with merely a suggestion of feeling. The deficiency bill was passed with few changes in its provisions. The appropriation of \$12,000 to refund to members sums deducted from their salaries for absence, was eliminated, as were likewise items providing for the payment of annual salaries to the special employees conceded the democrats by the majority.

OFFICE SEEKERS AT CANTON.

A Score of Them at the Hotels Awaiting an Opportunity To See Maj. McKinley.

Canton, O., Feb. 23.—Inclement weather is keeping the president-elect indoors to-day and the doctor's orders have so far kept visitors away, although there are a score of them at the hotels this morning awaiting an opportunity to see Maj. McKinley. What they want and why they want it Maj. McKinley is still somewhat indignant. Mr. Hanna will be here this afternoon, and Col. J. J. McCook of New York is also expected. The report that Col. John Hay of Washington is to be appointed ambassador to Great Britain is on the tongue of politicians here to-day, but it cannot be verified. Col. Hay is a personal friend of the president-elect, and it is known that Major McKinley entertains a high opinion of his ability and fitness for an important diplomatic station. Dr. J. A. Enderer of Chicago, who is an applicant for the consul-generalship at Cairo, Egypt, and Wilbur F. Wakefield of New York, paid their respects to the president-elect.

BLONDIN IS DEAD.

The Celebrated Tight Rope Walker Passes Away in England.

London, Feb. 23.—Blondin, the celebrated tight rope walker, who was the first person to cross Niagara Falls on a tight rope, which feat he performed on Aug. 17, 1859, died from diabetes yesterday at Ealing, a suburb of London.

The Murderous Assau on Mrs. Rolf.

Salem, Mass., Feb. 23.—The police are still at work on the case of the assault committed on Mrs. J. Franklin Rolf on the Willows road Saturday night, and last night arrested Charles Greenlaw, an inmate of the almshouse, on suspicion of being the guilty party. His description tallies with that given by Mrs. Rolf, and he acknowledges he was in the vicinity early in the afternoon, but denies all knowledge of the crime. The club with which she was struck down is found to be a surveyor's stake and came from the almshouse field. Mrs. Rolf is suffering severely from the shock to her nervous system, and her head is badly swollen from the blows, but it is thought she will recover without any serious effects.

Steamer Bermuda at Bermuda.

Halifax, Feb. 23.—A special cable from Bermuda states that the steamer Bermuda of filibustering notoriety arrived there Sunday from Philadelphia with a cargo of coal. Her trip is suspected to be the first step in the direction of a filibustering expedition and she is being closely watched by the military authorities. It is reported that the officers in command of the forts have received orders to fire on the Bermuda should she attempt to leave the harbor without proper clearance.

Naval Appropriation Bill.

Washington, Feb. 23.—The report of Chairman Boutelle of the house naval affairs committee on the naval appropriation bill shows an appropriation of \$32,168,234, which is \$1,602,573 more than the amount for the current year and \$2,030,702 below the estimate of the navy department.

WILL FIGHT TO END

Efforts To Negotiate with Combatants in Crete Fail.

BOTH SIDES MASSACRE PRISONERS

Foreign Consuls Who Went to the Interior with Peace Terms and Carrying White Flags Report That They Were Fired Upon by Christians.

Canica, Feb. 23.—The British, Italian and Russian consuls, who recently went to Selino to inquire into the situation there, returned last evening, bringing with them 170 Mussulmans who feared to remain in the town. The consuls state that they were unable to negotiate with the combatants, who were resolved to fight to the end. Both sides, Moslems and Christians, refused to be hampered with prisoners, and, therefore, massacred all their enemies who fell into their hands. Two thousand civilians and 50 Turkish troops, with three guns, are still holding Selino against the Christians, but their position is critical. When attempting to approach Cadano the consuls were fired upon by the Christians, despite the fact that they were bearing a white flag. The Christians had been advised of their arrival, and this made their firing on them all the more inexcusable, as they could not plead that they thought the carrying of the white flag was a trick on the part of the Moslems. As they returned to Selino the Christians there fired on their boats. Nobody is reported to have been injured.

Greek Troops Protect Moslems.

Greek troops have saved the lives of a number of Mussulmans who were captured by the insurgents at Kisamo Kasteli. Sixty Turkish soldiers who escaped from Voukoulis, which place is now in the hands of the Christians, have arrived here. Their account of the capture of the place agrees with the report already cabled by the representative of the United Associated Presses. The insurgents at Halepa have again hoisted the Greek flag, but have not renewed their fire on the Turkish posts, which are about 1,600 yards distant from the town.

Indignation at Athens.

Athens, Feb. 23.—The indignation caused by the bombardment of the insurgent position near Canea by the foreign warships has increased, and the action of the powers is denounced on every hand as a gross outrage and a wanton disregard of the rights of Greece. A very largely attended indignation meeting was held last night, at which strong protests were made against the interference of the powers, who, it was declared, were pitting their might against Greece. Prime Minister Deligianis addressed the meeting. He declared that the cabinet was in perfect accord with the nation. The government knew its duty fully and would perform it in the face of every obstacle. It is stated that several Christians were killed or wounded by the shells fired by the foreign warships, and that great havoc was done to property.

Reforms Necessary in the Entire East.

Paris, Feb. 23.—Replying to an interpellation in the chamber of deputies, M. Hamotaux, minister of foreign affairs, read the obligation of France to co-operate with the other nations of Europe. Crete, he declared, had been placed in the hands of the powers, who would not restore the authority of the sultan in the island, but who would not infringe the integrity of Turkey. The will of Europe would be forcibly imposed upon Greece and also upon Turkey. Greece's intervention in Crete was capable of exciting a general war. The powers would know how to check such ambition. In conclusion M. Hamotaux said that it would be necessary to effect reforms in the entire east, with the co-operation of the sultan.

27,000 Moslems Killed in Crete.

London, Feb. 23.—A dispatch to the Central News from Constantinople says that official reports from Crete say that the total number of Moslems, men, women and children, who have been killed during the present troubles in that island is over 27,000 and that twenty-five Moslem villages have been pillaged and burned.

Greece Did No Fighting.

London, Feb. 23.—The Greek charge d'affaires here gives out the statement that no regular Greek troops took part in the attack which was made upon Canea Sunday. The Greek troops, in obedience to orders, he says, abstained and will continue to abstain from all hostilities toward foreigners in Crete.

Joseph Bonaparte's Physician Dead.

St. Louis, Feb. 23.—Dr. S. Gratz Moses, one of the oldest and most prominent physicians of St. Louis, is dead, aged 85. He was physician to Joseph Bonaparte, the elder brother of the famous Napoleon.

Crew of Abandoned Ship Landed.

London, Feb. 23.—The British ship Urbino has landed at Rotterdam the crew of the French bark Perigny, which was abandoned at sea in a shaking condition.

HANNA IS GRATEFUL

Pleased To Learn That He Is To Be Appointed to the Senate.

THANKS BUSHNELL AND HIS FRIENDS

Says the Governor's Determination Was Brought About by the Preponderance of Sentiment in His Favor and Not by Any Deal.

Cleveland, Feb. 23.—Chairman Hanna did not observe Washington's birthday. It was the busiest day that he has had for weeks. Relative to Gov. Bushnell's ultimatum that he intended to appoint Hanna as Sherman's successor, Mr. Hanna said to the United Associated Presses representative: "Gov. Bushnell sent me a letter Monday morning notifying me of his intention to appoint me to the senate to serve the unexpired term of Senator Sherman. It is with a great deal of appreciation that I received the news. I am deeply gratified at Gov. Bushnell's action; glad that it will work for the interests of the people of Ohio, and that his determination was brought

about by the preponderous sentiment that existed that I should receive the appointment. Bushnell's action was voluntary and not brought about by any deal. Gov. Bushnell showed wisdom in waiting until he was thoroughly satisfied that Sherman intended to resign before making known what his motion would be in filling the vacancy. I thank Gov. Bushnell for the honor, and all my friends for their kind wishes and support in the matter."

OTHER NAMES CONSIDERED.

Bushnell Did Not Decide Upon Hanna for the Senate Hastily.

Cincinnati, Feb. 23.—Gov. Asa S. Bushnell, who attended the sessions of the Sons of the Revolution yesterday, was asked last night to say something about his announcement concerning Marcus A. Hanna. "Well, I had really determined upon the appointment of Mr. Hanna some time ago," he said, "but I could not appoint him as there was no vacancy, but the interest in the matter becoming so great I considered that it would ease the public mind and be in the interest of harmony in the republican party to make the announcement of my intention. I have not heard from Mr. Hanna. Mr. Hanna has been my personal friend for many years, and I make the announcement of his coming appointment with great satisfaction. Yes, Mr. Kurtz has been considered as had several others, probably a half dozen names. But Mr. Kurtz never announced himself as a candidate. What was done for him was done entirely by his friends who wanted to see him go to the senate. Lieut.-Gov. Jones was also considered, but he asked that his name be withdrawn from consideration. So it is a mistake to say that only Mr. Hanna and Mr. Kurtz had been considered. There was no deal and there are no factional differences."

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION.

Report of New York State Board of Regents for the Year 1896.

Albany, Feb. 23.—The report of the examination department of the state board of regents for the year 1896 shows that 913,500 question papers were printed for use in the examinations and that 5,000 bulletins containing 363 different papers or 1,515,000 question papers were also required, making a total of 2,718,500. Statistics in the report of 1896 show a greater volume of work than for any other year in the history of the examination department. Nearly 400,000 answer papers were written and nearly 300,000 were received at the department and rated by the university examiners. An examination of the statistics shows an astonishing growth in the number of those taking classical studies. In the first year Latin alone there was an increase in 1896 of 1,304. The increase in Latin and Greek subjects shows conclusively that the present system of electives, with balanced courses, leads inevitably to an increase in the popularity of classical studies. New York state, according to the report, has about 21 per cent of all the law students in the United States. Since 1895 there has been an increase of 480 or nearly 15 per cent in the number of medical students in New York state. In 1895 there were 22,837 medical students in the United States. New York therefore, according to these figures, has nearly 17 per cent of such students.

Death of Rev. C. B. Rex.

Colorado Springs, Colo., Feb. 23.—Rev. Charles B. Rex, D. D., died here last evening. He had been president of the Boston Ecclesiastical seminary for five years, and had been president of St. Charles college at Ellicott City, Md., for two years. He had also been appointed president of St. Joseph's seminary at Dunwoody, N. Y., but failing health prevented him from assuming the duties of the position.

To Review the Statutes.

Washington, Feb. 23.—From the committee on patents Mr. Platt has made a favorable report on the bill to appoint a commission to revise the statutes relative to patents and trade marks.

ADMIRAL BUNCE'S FLEET.

Although Dispersed It Could Be Reassembled in a Few Days.

Washington, Feb. 23.—According to advices at the navy department Admiral Bunce's fleet is now practically dispersed, though so advantageously distributed that it could be assembled in a few days if an emergency arose. The admiral, with the New York, Indiana and Columbia is at Hampton Roads, where his ships will be coaled and held in reserve until after the inauguration, the Massachusetts will be at Tompkinsville, N. Y., in the next day or two, ready for the first docking she has had since her completion, and the Puritan will probably leave Charleston directly for the New York navy yard to test the new dock there, the largest on the Atlantic coast. The Amphitrite and Terror will remain at Charleston for some time, the Marblehead takes station at Key West and the Vesuvius at Jacksonville, to prevent infractions of the neutrality laws, while next week is to be spent by the Montgomerie at Mobile, and by the Maine and Texas at New Orleans in attendance on the Mardi Gras festivities of those cities. While the fleet is so disposed as to be nearer Cuba than ever before, it is explained that this is merely due to the necessities of the service, and the administration foresees no contingency under which the vessels could be placed in a position at all offensive to the amicable relations existing with Spain.

OLNEY AND SHERMAN.

The Present and Prospective Secretaries of State Talk Over Cuban Affairs.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Secretary Olney spent another hour in his office this morning assorting his private papers which are being boxed for transportation to Boston. Senator Sherman, his successor, expectant, spent a few moments in private conference with Mr. Olney, and learned that nothing unusually aggravating had occurred in regard to our relations with Spain. After the routine method of the department, considerable cablegraphic correspondence has been had with Minister Taylor in the past few days concerning the Ruiz and Scott cases, it being the invariable custom for all inquiries of the Spanish authorities originating here or in Havana, to be formally presented in Madrid. During Capt. Weyler's absence from Havana in the field, this manner of upholding Gen. Lee's efforts has been unusually full and complete. In regard to the Ruiz case it is said at this department that his naturalization was not wholly uncontested; that his naturalization papers, as a matter of fact, have not yet been found, and to this circumstance is attributed his long imprisonment without trial.

To Arrest Gov. Leedy and Staff.

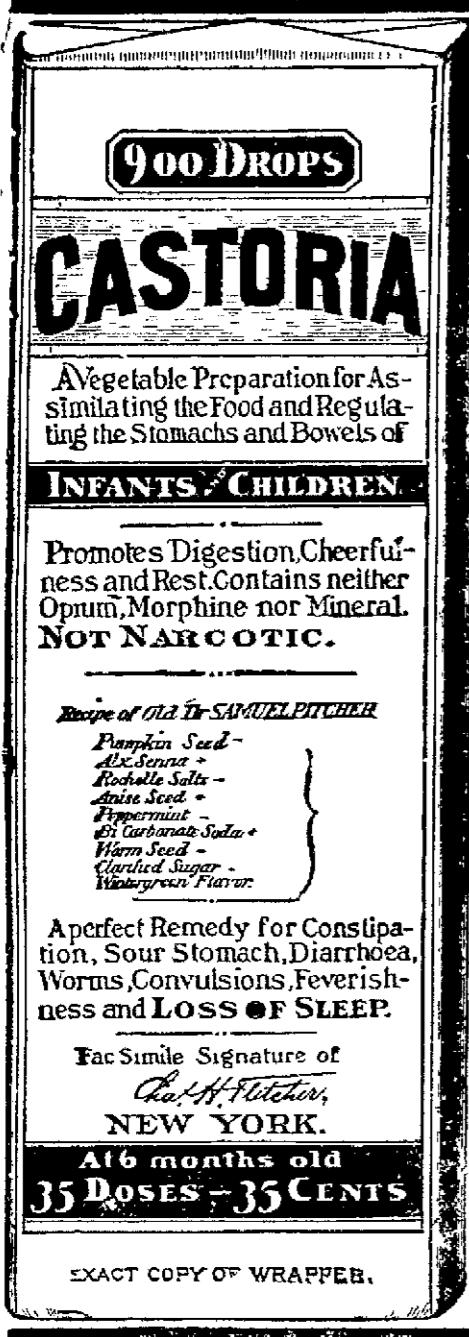
Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 23.—"I am going to Topeka this afternoon, and one of the first things I will do when I arrive will be to cause the arrest of Gov. Leedy and his associates in the executive council for violating the eight hour law," said labor commissioner William G. Bird this morning. "They are violating the law by allowing the firemen and engineers of the state house to work twelve hours a day. The law provides that no employee or allowed to perform more than eight hours' work a day."

The Cleveland Children at Princeton.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Mrs. Cleveland took her children, Ruth, Esther and Marion, to their new home at Princeton, N. J., this morning. After getting the house in order Mrs. Cleveland will return here next Monday to take part in the customary courtesies extended to the president-elect and his wife, leaving again for Princeton with the ex-president immediately after the inauguration ceremonies.

Brigham Young's Statue in the Capitol.

Washington, Feb. 23.—As a result of the proposition before the Utah legislature



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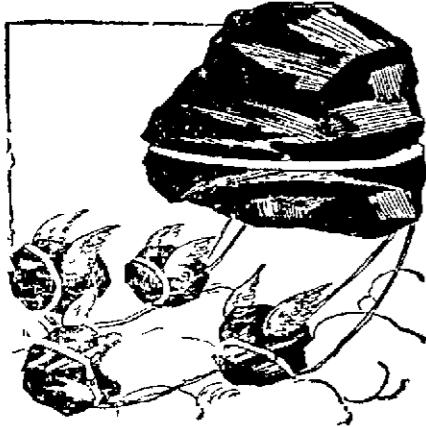
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SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

The Golden Rule tells of a party of Americans who visited the pope recently and took with them an American flag. The pope reverently blessed the flag, declaring that America had done more for the Catholic church than any other country.

It is announced that Gen. Booth is to visit this country again in the coming fall. The purpose of the visit is said to be to conduct an aggressive campaign from New York and Chicago, and to endeavor to heal the breach and bring Washington Booth back to the parent organization.

The British museum has books written on the surface of bricks, tiles, oyster shells, bones, and flat stones, together with manuscripts on bark, on leaves, on ivory, leather, parchment, papyrus, lead, iron, copper, and wood. It has three copies of the Bible written on the leaves of the fan palm.

The Northwestern Christian Advocate contains a census of attendance at morning and evening services in the Methodist churches of 13 chief cities. The largest attendance was reported from Philadelphia, 75 churches out of 108 reporting 17,107 persons at the morning services. Chicago follows with 16,234 (134 churches, 34 not reporting). New York comes next with 8,365 (64 churches, 14 not reporting).

A very interesting late discovery is the nearly complete account, on a Greco-Egyptian papyrus, of a suit brought before Emperor Claudius against Herod Agrippa, king of the Jews, mentioned in the book of the Acts, by the two leading anti-Semites of Alexandria, Isidorus and Lampo. These two men, who had been condemned to death under Caligula for their misdeeds, attempted to gain time by bringing a charge against Agrippa; but the emperor confirmed the judgment against them, and ordered their execution. The papyrus contains an official account of the trial.

President Walter Harvey, of the Teachers' college, New York city, contributes an article on Sunday schools to the Review of Reviews in which he severely criticizes the international lesson system. Nothing, he says, can be expected with certainty from the mere effort to improve the Sunday school curriculum and the formal adoption of superior methods of teaching; but the best development of the Sunday school will always be found in the higher education of Sunday school teachers, particularly in pedagogy and theology. He proposes the endowment of training schools to meet this demand of the educational work of the church.

POPULAR WOMAN IN MEXICO.
The Wife of the President Is Beloved by Everyone.

Mme. De Diaz, the wife of the president of Mexico, is not only the first lady of the country, but is the most popular woman of the republic. Senora Dona Carmen Romero Rubio de Diaz is known among her people, from the mansions of the rich in the brilliant capital to the humblest hut on the frontier, as Carmelita, meaning "Our little Carmen." Her popularity ever increases, for each year sees a larger number of good works dispensed by this generous woman, who uses her power to improve the lot of a long-oppressed and unhappy people. Mme. Diaz is often appealed to be half of some one or other sentenced to long imprisonment or death. Official pardon is a delicate power for anyone to hold, and the president's wife is naturally careful for the justice of her case before she goes to her lord to plead for executive clemency. But the president himself is of a forgiving nature, and not infrequently the pardon is granted. Neither the president nor his wife attends the brilliant but brutal ball fights, and in every way they use their influence against the degrading spectacles. It is certain that the president will entirely prohibit them as soon as public sentiment gives any hope of upholding his wishes.

"Carmelita" is the second wife of Gen. Porfirio Diaz, and is in her 33d year. She stands as a type of advanced Spanish-American womanhood, and among other accomplishments speaks English and French almost with equal fluency. She is remarkably well informed on our recent events, and her advice is often sought by her husband. The president is 60 years old, and is very proud of his fair young wife. When their marriage took place, in 1884, they took their wedding tour through the United States. Her girlish grace and simplicity of manner will match her beauty. Her ancestry dates far back into the nobility of old Castle, and the evidences of long culture are easily marked. It is plainly apparent that a considerable part of the republic of Mexico and the desire of the people to keep President Diaz in office are due to the general esteem for his lovely wife.—N. Y. Times.

WHAT WAS NEEDED.
The young woman who had taken up the fad of intellectual entertainments for society had prepared her lecture with great pains and was anxious to get an opinion as to its merits and her probable success.

"If you will kindly look it over," she said to the society woman in whose judgment she had the greatest confidence, "it will be a favor to me."

"Look over what?" asked the society woman.

"Why, my lecture, of course."

"Oh, I can't tell anything from that," answered the society woman. "However, let me see the gown you intend to wear, and I can tell in a minute whether the lecture will be well received or not"—Chicago Post.

WHY HE WAS SICK.

He—Did you know that in some parts of China pigs are harnessed to wagons?

She—That's nothing. Here, in this country, pigs often ride in the street cars, occupying seats and paying fares just the same as men. Do you chew tobacco?

But he had swallowed it, and had to get off at the next crossing.—Cleveland Leader.

"GEOGRAPHY PARTIES" THE FAD

New Kind of Entertainment That Shows How Little Some People Know.

"Geography parties" are among the new things in the entertainment line. They are instructive as well as entertaining, and it is astonishing how quickly they sometimes prove to one how little he knows of even the geography of his own country. It is a party of a score of persons, met for an evening's entertainment, it is doubtful if more than one-fifth of the number would often be found able to "bound" the Indian territory, for instance, and name its capital.

A young lady on the South side had a "capital party" the other night, at which she gave prizes to the lady and gentleman who named the most capital cities of the country about which the questions were asked. It developed at this "party" that but two of the score of guests could name all the capital cities even in the United States and the territories. There were people present who would have it that San Francisco was the capital of California, Jacksonville of Florida, Louisville of Kentucky, New Orleans of Louisiana and St. Louis of Missouri. They had apparently forgotten all about Sacramento, Tallahassee, Frankfort, Baton Rouge and Jefferson City. There were others, mostly women, who could not name a city or a town in Nevada, Arizona, Idaho, Oklahoma or even in South Carolina, Montana and Mississippi. The Dakotas puzzled a good many, and there were a few who couldn't recall the names of the capitals of such old New England states as Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine. Two insisted that Philadelphia was the capital of Pennsylvania. It was easy enough to remember, of course, what was the capital when Harrisburg was suggested, and so it was in the other cases, but the contest served to show very clearly how far away some people get from their old grammar school days of geography.—Chicago Times-Herald.

BEATEN BY SAUSAGE FAT.

Blazing Frying Pan Dispels One Chicago's Martial Ardor.

Down in one of the little restaurants known as "oyster bays," which are usually located in basement saloons, a rascally disposed individual was seated several evenings ago, and he was looking for trouble. All of his immediate neighbors at the lunch counter were peacefully disposed and the boy behind the counter who was busily engaged with an order was in too much of a hurry to notice him. He had finished his own meal—small stalks, potatoes, bread and butter and coffee, and for some reason or other he was dissatisfied with it.

He sat with an evening paper in his hands, and he would read a little in it and then make blustering comments with the evident hope of getting a contrary opinion from somebody. But the others were wary and he saw it and it angered him. Rapping on the counter with his right hand he said, loudly: "We ort to kill ever one o' them cussed Spanish. They're a barbarous outfit, anyway. They couldn't stand fire if it came to 'em hot. That's the test of a fightin' man. It's easy to do the marchin' and the drillin', but when the sheet lightnin' begins to pour in, then's the time to tell the stuff the boys is made of. These here Spanish ain't no good then. They never stood fire if it was shot into 'em hot."

Just then a gas jet under a pan where a lot of sausage was frying reached over, the fat blazed up and a big splash of it hopped over and took the speaker on the face.

"Oh! gosh," he howled, as he tumbled from the stool and made for the door. "Where's the drug store?"

As the door banged behind him the merry echoes of the general laugh followed him.—Chicago Chronicle.

NO BOARDED WAISTS.

They Are Ugly, So Women of Fashion Won't Wear Them.

No doubt there were many who grew greatly excited over the published accounts that boarded waists were a fait accompli, that the corsage plackette attributed to Paquin was the last Paris cry, the chef-d'oeuvre of the dressmakers' art for the rest of the winter.

As a matter of fact, Worth was the first who attempted to retrace steps to the moyen age, and produce a pointed bodice whose lines were after the old style, flat across the bust and vertical to the waist, with padded fronts to obliterate the natural curve of the figure.

The models he sent over here a twelve-month ago were not taken up, neither were they in Paris. Bernhardt's revival of Victorian gowns in her late representation of Camille has given birth to this recent sensational bodice, which has too much of the theatrical costume motif about it to be seriously considered by women of refined tastes, either for elegance or their American prototypes.

The insurmountable obstacle to fenc- ing up the figure with strips of wood is that it fails to beautify. Women would not hesitate to torture themselves if it did. On the contrary, it is a deformity, destroying all grace of movement and beauty of form.

Then, again, it has the disadvantage of making every figure look twice its natural size below the bust line, the thought of which is enough to convince the feminine world to its foundation.—Vogue.

WHAT WAS NEEDED.

The young woman who had taken up the fad of intellectual entertainments for society had prepared her lecture with great pains and was anxious to get an opinion as to its merits and her probable success.

"If you will kindly look it over," she said to the society woman in whose judgment she had the greatest confidence, "it will be a favor to me."

"Look over what?" asked the society woman.

"Why, my lecture, of course."

"Oh, I can't tell anything from that," answered the society woman. "However, let me see the gown you intend to wear, and I can tell in a minute whether the lecture will be well received or not"—Chicago Post.

WHY HE WAS SICK.

He—Did you know that in some parts of China pigs are harnessed to wagons?

She—That's nothing. Here, in this country, pigs often ride in the street cars, occupying seats and paying fares just the same as men. Do you chew tobacco?

But he had swallowed it, and had to get off at the next crossing.—Cleveland Leader.

BULL'S Cough Syrup

That heritage of rich and poor, has saved many a life. For Throat and Lung affections it is invaluable. It never fails to cure Cough, Cold, Croup and Whooping-Cough. DR. BULL'S COUGH SYRUP is the best. Price 25 cents.

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Opened to-day a complete line of Ladies' Spring Separate Dress Skirts—about 200—in black and all new shades. We can give you a Fast Black Skirt from \$1.39, \$1.59, \$1.79, \$1.99 up to \$15, well made and cut in the latest fashion; also have now all the newest designs of Spring Silk Waists. Our Muslin Department is worth looking at. We carry a big stock. Why not spend half an hour or so at our store and see these goods. We will treat all politely a our handsome store.

L. STERN, 13-15 North St.

"A HANDFUL OF DIRT MAY BE A HOUSE-FUL OF SHAME." CLEAN HOUSE WITH

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Diamonds, Watches, Silverware, Clocks, Etc., of which we have a complete and up-to-date assortment. Now is the time to have your eyes tested and lenses properly put in the gold frames you got for Christmas by

FRANK D. KERNOCHAN, Eye Specialist,

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"Woman's Work

is never done." The poet who wrote this line was one on this subject in an event. Woman's work is never done, and she should have every aid possible to lighten her labors. A dozen or more hand helpers in the kitchen will save many steps and much strength. We have the handi' helpers here—you may have them for very little money.



MILLSWAUGH HARDWARE CO.,

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Every Lady

NEEDS

A WARM WRAPPER!



these cold days. Here is a chance to get a \$1.50 Wrapper for 98 cents, made of flannelette, front and back yoke, trimmed with braid, separate fitting lining, new pup sleeves. Three yards skirt and 10 yards of material. Made in all sizes. Children's Wear, all kinds and prices. We sell a good many Jackets and Coats, which is what prices and styles are right. Hair and Crepe Goods a specialty. Men's best quality Felt Boots and Perfection Overs \$1.75 a pair at M. KATZINGER'S

NEW IDEA,

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Gladness Comes

With a better understanding of the transient nature of the many physical ills, which vanish before proper efforts—gentle efforts—pleasant efforts—rightly directed. There is comfort in the knowledge, that so many forms of sickness are not due to any actual disease, but simply to a constipated condition of the system, which the pleasant family laxative, Syrup of Figs, promptly removes. That is why it is the only remedy with millions of families, and is everywhere esteemed so highly by all who value good health. Its beneficial effects are due to the fact, that it is the one remedy which promotes internal cleanliness without debilitating the organs on which it acts. It is therefore all important, in order to get its beneficial effects, to note when you purchase, that you have the genuine article, which is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only and sold by all reputable druggists.

If in the enjoyment of good health, and the system is regular, laxatives or other remedies are then not needed. If afflicted with any actual disease, one should be commended to the most skillful physicians, but if in need of a laxative, the well-informed everywhere, Syrup of Figs stands highest and is most largely used and gives most general satisfaction.

MT. HOPE.

Union Temperance Meeting—Carting Milk to Middletown—Ladies' Missionary Meeting—Other Notes.

Correspondence ARCTUS AND MERCURY.

—There will be no service in the church on Sunday evening, as the three churches of the town of Mt. Hope will hold a union temperance meeting in the Presbyterian Church at Otisville.

—Rev. Thomas Fitzgerald preached in the Presbyterian Church at Circleville, Sunday morning.

—Frank Hull will have an auction of his cattle and farming utensils on Saturday of this week.

—John Souris is now carting all the milk from Finchville to the condensery and has to run two wagons.

—Mr. and Mrs. David R. Hull were guests of Mrs. Augustus Ketcham at Otisville, Saturday.

—The Ladies' Missionary Society will meet at the parsonage, Wednesday, at 3 o'clock.

—Hugh Quigley was a guest of James Jeffers, Sunday.

—Pearl, the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Webster, had the misfortune to fall from a chair on Saturday and break her arm. Dr. Taylor, of Otisville, reduced the fracture.

—Mr. and Mrs. Morley Cortright are spending a few days at Quarryville.

—Mrs. Ira Ogden is spending a few weeks at the home of her father, Sidney Smith.

BULLVILLE.

A Successful Sociable—With the Hard Luck Club—A Temperance Meeting—Personal and Other Notes.

Correspondence ARCTUS AND MERCURY.

—The postponed sociable held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson, last Wednesday evening, for the benefit of the M. E. Church, was a success in every particular, and enriched the church treasury nearly \$24.

—A few of our young people attended the reception of the Hard Luck Club, at Montgomery, in Academy Hall, last Friday evening, and report a grand time.

—The Misses Duryea's will entertain the McSub W. Club, on Thursday evening, Feb. 23d, at their pleasant home, near this village.

—The temperance people of the town of Crawford have arranged to hold a meeting in the basement of the M. E. Church of this place, on Friday evening, Feb. 26th. Good speakers have been engaged, and a thorough discussion of the license question may be expected. All are invited to attend.

—Miss Belle Unkebolz, of Liberty, has been spending a few days with friends at this place.

—William Thompson and Joseph D. Bull, who are attending Brown's Business College in Brooklyn, have been on a visit to their parents. They returned Monday evening.

NEW HAMPTON.

First of April Changes—Personal and Local Notes.

Correspondence ARCTUS AND MERCURY.

—We understand there are to be several changes of residence between this and April 1st.

—George Martin, of New York, visited friends on the Lower Road, Sunday.

—Miss Grace Denton has been spending a few days in New York.

—Mrs. James McVeigh, whose illness was mentioned last week, is much better.

—Misses Hannah Howell, of Brooklyn, Mamie Powell, of Honesdale, spent Washington Birthday at Mrs. E. D. Howell's.

—Mrs. DeWitt Wickham and Mrs. J. C. Rumpf are on the sick list.

—F. C. Wickham has gone on a business trip to Philadelphia, Pa., and Everett, N. C.

GREENVILLE.

Lecture by Rev. Horace Arney—Personal Mention.

Correspondence ARCTUS AND MERCURY.

—Rev. H. Arney, the evangelist, who has been holding meetings in Orange and Sullivan counties during the winter, will hold religious meetings in the M. E. Church, in this village, next Wednesday and Thursday evenings, and will give one of his popular lectures on Friday evening of this week. Admission to lecture ten cents. Mr. Arney is an able evangelist and good lecturer. All are cordially invited to attend the meetings.

—We are glad to note that Peter L. Shaneberg, who has been suffering for several days from blood poisoning in the hand, is improving.

—Mrs. Oscar Ferguson, of this village, is visiting her brother near Mt. Salem.

There Is Nothing So Good.

There is nothing just as good as Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, so demand it and do not permit the dealer to sell you some substitute. He will not claim there is anything better, but in order to make more profit he may claim something else to be just as good. You want Dr. King's New Discovery because you know it to be safe and reliable, and guaranteed to do good or money refunded.

For Coughs, Colds, Consumption and for all affections of Throat, Chest and Lungs, there is nothing so good as Dr. King's New Discovery. Trial bottle free at McMonagle & Rogers' Drug Store. Regular size 50 cents and \$1.00.

E. E. Turner, of Compton, Mo., writes us that after suffering from piles for seventeen years, he completely cured them by using three boxes of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It cures eczema and severe skin diseases. W. D. Olney.

One Minute Cough Cure, cures.

That is what it was made for.

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IT PLEASES EVERYBODY.

A Certain Cure For Piles.

The Pyramid Pile Cure is a success because it has the merit which brings success. It cures every form of piles and cures them to stay cured. It is now the most popular and best known pile remedy before the public, and one reason for its great popularity is because it has taken the place of surgical operations, once considered the only sure cure.

People often wonder that so simple a remedy will so promptly cure such an obstinate trouble as piles are well known to be. Yet the greatest remedies and greatest inventions we have are the simplest, and the fact that it does cure is all the sufferer from piles wants to know.

The Pyramid Pile Cure cures piles in any stage of the disease as shown by the following testimonial letters which are published every week and new cases reported each time.

From Geo. C. Gick, Owens Mill, Mo.: Some time ago I bought a package of Pyramid Pile Cure for my wife who had suffered very much. The first trial did her more good than anything she had ever tried. It is just as represented.

From Richard Loan, Whipple, Ohio: I have used the Pyramid and am entirely pleased and satisfied with results. It does the work and no mistake.

W. R. Hines, of Magnolia, Ark., says: Although I have used the Pyramid Pile Cure only a very short time, yet it has been very beneficial to me.

From Mrs. Peter Lake, Mohawk, N. Y., I received the Pyramid Pile Cure, but put off using it until last week, when I became so bad I decided to try it.

I have suffered twenty-nine years with bleeding piles and have used a great deal of medicine, but never had anything that did so much for me as your remedy.

The proprietors of this remedy could publish columns of letters similar to the above if necessary, but these are enough to show what it will do in different cases.

The Pyramid Pile Cure is prepared by the Pyramid Drug Co. of Albion, Mich., and for sale by druggists everywhere at 50 cents per package. One is sufficient to cure any ordinary case. Your druggist will tell you more about it.

HUMOROUS.

—An Hypothesis.—“Papa, why does the sun go south in the winter?” “Oh, I suppose he can afford to.”—Detroit Journal.

—The Blond.—“I wonder if I shall ever live to be 100?” The Brunette.—“Not if you remain 22 much longer.”—Tit-Bits.

—Laura (showing her album to a friend)—“Isn't it strange that our old pictures always make us seem the youngest?”—Fliegende Blätter.

—“Father caught you smoking one of his cigars did he? And what did he do—lick you?” “No; wish he had.” “What then?” “Made me smoke it right through.”—Fun.

—“It,” said the grinning savage, as he turned the machine gun on the discomfited Christian civilizers, “is a poor Maxim that won't work both ways.”—Indianapolis Journal.

—“Folks neber is saterfied,” said Uncle Eben. “Er white young lady is allus tryin' ter git frizzes in her hair an' de culdul young lady is allus tryin' ter git 'em out.”—Washington Star.

—Ominous.—“My wife never said a word about a new seal sack this winter.” “I suppose you rejoice at that.” “Not much. I'm afraid she's figurin' on getting a new '97 model wheel.”—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

—Put to the Test—Mrs. Peck (during the breeze)—“Before we were married you said you would die for me.” Henry Peck—“Well; and if I did?” Mrs. Peck—“You might do so now.”—Philadelphia North American.

—“What is your brother Reginald doing since he left college?” “Why, just at present he is very busy tracing back our family tree.” “Goodness me! Then he's got that Darwinian theory into his head, has he?”—Truth.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, never sores, tertier chilblains, corns and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by McMonagle & Rogers.

Inflammatory Rheumatism Cured in 3 Days.

Morton L. Hill, of Lebanon, Ind., says: “My wife had Inflammatory Rheumatism in every muscle and joint; her suffering was terrible and her body and face were swollen almost beyond recognition; had been in bed for six weeks and had eight physicians but received no benefit until she tried the MYSTIC CURE FOR RHEUMATISM. It gave immediate relief and she was able to walk about in three days. I am sure it saved her life.” Sold by J. E. Mills.

If you have ever seen a child in the agony of croup, you can appreciate the gratitude of the mothers who know that One Minute Cough Cure relieves their little ones as quickly as it is administered. Many homes in this city are never without it. W. D. Olney.

Don't allow the lungs to be impaired by the continuous irritation of a cough. It is easier to prevent consumption than to cure it. One Minute Cough Cure taken early will ward off any fatal lung trouble. W. D. Olney.

It is surprising what a “wee bit of a thing” can accomplish. Sick headache, constipation, dyspepsia, sour stomach, dizziness, are quickly banished by DeWitt's Little Early Risers. Small pills. Best. W. D. Olney.

Dr. Miles' Nerve Plaster Co. at all druggists.

PORTER IN WASHINGTON.

Major McKinley's Private Secretary Takes Lessons of Mr. Thurber.

Washington, Feb. 23.—J. Addison Porter of Hartford, Conn., who is to be secretary to President McKinley, is spending the day at the White House with Private Secretary Thurber, who is giving him many of the results of his experience in the delicate duties of the position and of the intricate routine of executive matters. Mr. Porter was yesterday introduced to President Cleveland and afterwards met the members of the executive staff, whose positions have been considered independent of administration changes. Mr. Porter will go to Canton, probably to-morrow, to return next week with Maj. McKinley.

Ex-Senator Walsh Depreciates War.

New York, Feb. 23.—Ex-United States Senator Walsh of Georgia, who is sojourning here for a few days, predicts a revival of commercial industry in the near future. With regard to the possibility of war with Spain, he deprecated war with any country, but was of the opinion that the time was ripe to notify other nations that the United States is powerful enough to look after itself.

Paper Mills To Be Sold at Auction.

Saratoga, N. Y., Feb. 23.—The Kilmer paper mills at Rock City Falls will be sold here at public auction on March 27 in foreclosure of two mortgages against the Rock City Falls Paper Mills company and Leon F. Blanchard of New York city, president of the company, and others.

Hay Praised in London.

London, Feb. 23.—Commenting upon the report that Col. John Hay had accepted the post of American ambassador to Great Britain, the Times to-day says that his appointment may be regarded as a compliment to Britons.

Approved by the President.

Washington, Feb. 23.—The president has approved the diplomatic and consular service appropriation act.

Utilization of Refuse.

Buda-Pest, one of the most progressive cities on the European continent, owes not a little of its prosperity to the strict enforcement of its sanitary rules. The city requires among other things that refuse be removed to the suburbs in closed carts. The wagons are conveyed by horses to one of the suburbs, where they are lifted off the truck and put on a flat car by means of a traveling crane. This flat car is taken out a considerable distance by a steam locomotive and lands the refuse near a manufacturing establishment, where it is mechanically assortied and the more volatile material burned under a boiler, which supplies 50 horse power to an engine, to which a 3,000-volt, three-phase generator is directly coupled. The electric current thus generated is utilized to run the crane above mentioned and is transmitted to that point by means of two regular trolley wires, with the earth as a third circuit. The machinery in this station runs several other power circuits and furnishes light to the entire colony. Another 100 horse power engine will be installed shortly.

Chicago News.

A Reminiscence.

He (at the athletic games)—I wonder who gave him the impression that he is a sprinter?

She—I think my father did. He called on me once, and he certainly outclassed papa.—Town Topics.

A Perverted Compliment.

“There is one thing I must say in Mrs. Chatterby's favor,” said one woman.

“What is that?” inquired the other.

“She tells the truth.”

“Yes,” was the reply, in a tone of tiredness, “and she's constantly at it. I never saw such a horrid gossip.”—Washington Star.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

Wheat—Spot steady; fair demand. March 50c.; May, 51c.; July, 52c.

Corn—spot market easy; prices firm.

May, 50c.; July, 52c.

Oats—no trade dull and inactive.

May, 21c.

Pork—market firm; trade steady.

May prime, 20c.; short, 21c.; mess, 22c.; 25c.; 28c.; 32c.

Beef—market firm; fancy scarce.

St. Louis, 25c.; Chicago, 24c.; New York, 25c.

Chilled, 20c.; dressed, 18c.; dressed, 22c.

Edible—market firm; fancy scarce.

St. Louis, 25c.; Chicago, 24c.; New York, 25c.

Cheese—market firm; trade steady.

May, 15c.; June, 16c.; July, 17c.

Butter—market firm; trade steady.

May, 15c.; June, 16c.; July, 17c.

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DAILY ARGUS.

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH

TUESDAY, FEB. 23, 1897.

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PUBLISHER.
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J. E. NICKINSON,
CITY EDITORS.

Judge Dickey has decided in a Brooklyn case that armories and employees of armories must be paid by the State, and not by the counties. Heretofore the counties have paid all such bills.

If it is true, as the newspapers positively assert, that Consul-General Lee has tendered his resignation unless war ships are sent to Havana and his demands for the protection of American citizens upheld, it indicates a very serious condition of affairs at Havana and it is impossible to see how the administration, no matter how great its friendship for Spain, can refrain from immediate action. Gen. Lee has been very moderate and conservative and merits all the confidence which is reposed in his discretion and judgment, and when he demands the help of our government in behalf of our citizens and says in effect that he is not sustained by the State Department backed by a naval force, he will throw up an office in which he finds himself useless and the laughing stock of the Spaniards, he appeals so forcibly to national pride and American manhood that the storm of indignation that will be aroused if his demands are not acceded to cannot be withstood.

EAGLES' BANQUET AND RECEPTION

A Most Enjoyable Affair at the Assembly Rooms—After Dinner Speeches—Chaplain Emory's Address—Dancing the Hours Away.

The members of Eagle Hose and Patrol Company, No. 2, their lady friends and a number of invited guests gathered at the Assembly Rooms, last evening, the occasion being the annual reunion of the members of the organization. The earlier hours of the evening were spent in discussing the excellent quality of a banquet which had been prepared by the ladies, and in listening to the "feast of reason" which followed.

President Charles Elwood presided as toastmaster, and after extending a hearty welcome to all present, called upon Mayor-Elect D. W. Berry to respond to the toast "Our City."

Ex-Vice President B. V. Wolf responded to the toast "Our Honorary Members." Mr. Wolf, who is eighty years of age, has been a faithful member of the company since its organization in 1859. He alluded to the changes which had taken place in the past few years, and touched feelingly upon the absence of the late lamented president of the company, Hon. M. D. Stivers.

President Elwood then introduced the recently elected chaplain of the company, Rev. J. N. Emory, of the Universalist Church. Mr. Emory created a very favorable impression among those present by the earnest, unassuming and fraternal tenor of his remarks. It was his first experience as a chaplain of a fire company and he expressed himself well pleased with the position so far as he had gone and hoped that its continuance would be for the mutual benefit of chaplain and company. The speaker was frequently interrupted by hearty applause, and at the conclusion of his remarks it was very evident that the new chaplain had found his way to the hearts of the members of Eagle Hose Co.

Ex-Alderman Jas. E. Gibbs was the next speaker and had for his subject "The Fire Department."

A. E. Nickinson, of the Argus, responded for the newspapers and W. F. Bailey, of the Press, for "The Ladies."

The tables were then cleared away and dancing was indulged in until a late hour, Messrs. Bright, Gordon and Berg furnishing the music.

Several honorary members of the company from out of town were present, among them being Frank H. Smith, of Port Jervis, and Fred C. Cooper, of Norwich. Miss Kittie Fullerton, of Port Jervis, was also present.

FUNERAL OF MRS. WINFIELD.

Many sorrowing Friends Pay the Last Sad Tribute of Respect—Laid to Rest in Hillside.

The funeral of Mrs. Jane Winfield was held at the residence of her sister, Mrs. C. B. McNaug, on East Main street, at 2 o'clock, this afternoon, Rev. Dr. Chas. Beattie officiating. Two appropriate solos were feelingly sung by Geo. W. Clark.

The attendance was very large, relatives and many friends gathering about the bier to pay their last tribute of respect to one they loved.

The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful, among them being a wreath, with the word "Mother," from her son, C. H. Winfield; a crescent from her little granddaughter, Easterly; from her sister Mrs. McNaug, and calla lilies from Miss Phillips.

The pall bearers were: Ira L. Case, George H. Becker, S. Albert Bell, Jno. A. Wallace, W. C. McNaug, S. M. Boyd.

The interment was in the family plot in Hillside.

RHEUMATISM CURED IN A DAY.

"MYSTICURE" for Rheumatism and Neuralgia radically cures in 1 to 3 days. Its action upon the system is remarkable and mysterious. It removes at once the cause and the disease immediately disappears. The first dose greatly benefits. 75 cents. Sold by J. E. Mills, Druggist, Middletown.

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FACE HUMORS

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EVERY HUMOR FROM PIMPLES TO SCROFULA CURED BY CUTICURA REMEDIES.

Good Blood

Is essential to health. Every nook and corner of the system is reached by the blood, and on its quality the condition of every organ depends. Good blood means strong nerves, good digestion, robust health. Impure blood means sore throat, rheumatism, catarrh, or chronic disease. The surest way to have good blood is to take Hood's Sarsaparilla. This medicine purifies, vitalizes, and enriches the blood, and sends the elements of health and strength to every nerve, organ and tissue. It creates a good appetite, gives a refreshing sleep and cures that tired feeling. Remember,

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier.

Hood's Pills cure Liver Ills; easy to

OBITUARY.

Maggie Finn Tompkins.

Undertaker Reilly has been notified by telegraph to arrange for the funeral, tomorrow, of Mrs. Maggie Finn Tompkins, a daughter of the late Michael and Rosanna Finn, of this city, who died Sunday morning at her home in Stony Island, Ill., aged about twenty-eight years. Mrs. Tompkins was a resident of Middletown until a few years ago, when she went west with her sister, Mrs. Barrett, who died about a year ago. She was married after settling in Illinois. She was the last survivor of a large family of sons and daughters. The funeral notice appears elsewhere.

James Egbert Weldon.

From our Gosher Correspondent.

James Egbert Weldon, a respected resident of this town, who for many years has lived upon his farm, about one mile south of Gosher, on the Florida road, died Sunday morning, at 8 o'clock, after an illness covering but a few days. A short time ago he contracted cold, that developed into grip, and because of a weakened constitution incident to his advanced age his death resulted. Mr. Weldon was born at Blooming Grove, eighty-one years ago, and all his life he tilled the soil. At one time he resided near Walden. He is survived by two daughters, one of whom resides at home, while the other is married and lives at Salisbury Mills.

The funeral was held this morning, at 11 o'clock. Interment at Washingtonville.

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WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

Its Observance by the Newburgh Historical Society—A Paper by Judge Beattie—Address by Mr. Vanance.

The Historical Society of Newburgh, celebrated Washington's Birthday, by holding a public meeting in the chapel of Trinity Church. County Judge Beattie read a paper on "Washington, His Day and Ours," the central idea of which was that the growth and development of the country has been so great that it was time to break away from Washington's policy of no entangling alliances and assert the power and dignity of America, not necessarily by involving it in war but by making it an influence for right and justice in the affairs of the world.

The address of the evening was made by William Vanance, Esq. His subject was "Washington." The concluding portion of his address was as follows:

If Washington were living to-day he would be foreseen in every movement tending to a higher and sweeter civilization—that is the humanization of man in society, wholly independent of political institutions or conditions. Civilization, remember, is independent of political institutions. There could be no greater mistake than to allow ourselves to fall back upon a boast as to our free institutions when all that makes free institutions valuable is the scope which they give for the development of character, the promotion of civilization, the working out of the human problem, the attainment of man's highest destiny. No one understood this better than Washington. It appears in his touching farewell address in which he exhorts his countrymen to defend their government, not as end in itself, but in order that it might serve the great ends for which it was established. Every word in that immortal document applies to the needs, the dangers of the present hour as fully as to the situation of those to whom it was addressed. Its words of wisdom bear the stamp of prophetic insight and heavenly inspiration. If ever the spirit of the Most High descended of old upon His chosen ones, then, surely, was it not withheld from this, His servant, in this sublime, this pentecostal message. The more we know of Washington the more clearly does it appear that he was marked for a special mission in the great crisis which he brought to triumphant issue. His character grows upon us with every new light shed upon it:

"Time but impresses stronger makes,
As streams their channels deeper wear."

And as time goes on and nations crumble and thrones totter and empires perish, the name of Washington "enthralls amidst the war of elements."

"The wrecks of matter and the crash of worlds," shall abide, survive and triumph in everlasting glory.

The other night, in this very room, I heard Miss Proctor say that what we see in the heavens is not the stars themselves but the rays of light from them; that so far away are some of the stars that it takes twenty-nine years for their rays of light to reach the earth; that the rays we see to-night were cast twenty-nine years ago and if such a star had been blotted out of the universe forever twenty years ago, we would still continue to see its rays nine years longer.

So with a character like that of Washington, it is so far above its generation, it is so far beyond the ordinary motives and comprehension of men that only when we see its rays reflected through the mists of innumerable space do we perceive how exalted must be the planet from which those rays proceed. Blot out of existence every book, every record, every document in which the name of Washington appears; let all mention of him cease from men's tongues; let all memory and tradition of him fade from men's minds—still will the rays of intellectual light and heat and power from that transcendent and resplendent orb pierce the universal atmosphere, swaying in their orbit the destinies of the race, the hopes of all mankind, the happiness of struggling millions yet unborn. Shine on, amidst the stars of our intellectual firmament, thou star of stars, thou star of first and unapproachable magnitude! Shine on, illuminating and instructing the pathway of human progress, penetrating the darkest and remotest corners of the earth, until, at last, thy benignant rays shall inseminate and enlumine in one transcendent arc of streaming light, transfiguring the upturned gaze of all humanity, which there shall read in blazoned and imperishable characters, the legend—Peace, Friendship and Brotherhood among the nations of the earth.

OPENING NEW MILK TERRITORY.

The **W. and L. and N. E. Roads**—Beveloping their Milk Business.

The Susquehanna and Western will extend its milk territory in Pennsylvania along the Wilkes-Barre division. Within the past two weeks George L. Lakin, Dennis Reardon and Sam McElveen have been in Monroe county, beyond Scranton, selecting sites for milk shipping creameries there.

The Lehigh and New England is also anxious to develop its business and it will soon erect several new creameries. The road runs through a fertile section of Sussex county and its territory can be made to yield a large quantity of milk.

Real Estate Sales.

—Case & Taylor, real estate and insurance agents, have sold for James A. Crawford his house and lot on the corner of Sprague avenue and Fulton street, this city, to David R. Miller.

Old People.

Old people who require medicine to regulate the bowels and kidneys will find the true remedy in Electric Bitters. This medicine does not stimulate and contains no whisky nor other intoxicant, but acts as a tonic and alterative. It acts mildly on the stomach and bowels, adding strength and giving tone to the organs, thereby aiding nature in the performance of the functions. Electric Bitters is an excellent appetizer and aids digestion. Old people find it just exactly what they need. Price fifty cents and \$1.00 per bottle at McMonagle & Rogers' Drug Store.

NORTH STREET CHURCH FAIR.

Donations of Middletown's Generous Business Men—A Great Variety of Useful and Ornamental Articles to be Disposed of at the Assembly Rooms.

The following is a partial list of the articles donated to the North Street Church fair by the merchants and friends of the church. A supplementary list will follow this, of those whose contributions have not yet been collected. If any have been missed in the canvass their contribution will be gladly received:

Tons of coal—C. W. Wilkes, D. A. Ketcham, Ira M. Corwin, Crane & Swartz, Thos. Donovan, W. F. Royce, Gordon & Norton, L. B. A. Taylor, Wilson & Wood, Pound & Thorn.

Groceries—Ready Pay Store, eusecori; Dewey & Mundy, tomatoes; J. W. Slout, box candy; J. E. Corwin, sugar and chocolate; Snyder, Fancher, case tomatoes; Asa Morehouse, set case tins, 7 pounds sugar; C. N. Piedmore & Son, case peas; B. F. Todd, case corn; O. S. Ritter, tomatoes; P. Dougherty, 5 dozen oranges; Bull & Youngblood, dozen cans peaches; A. D. Terwilliger, pair vases; Prouk & Foster, stove polish; W. H. Foster, 25 lemons; 25 oranges; A. P. & T. Pea Co., lemons; J. B. Swalm, pair vases; T. J. Colahan, 5 pounds starch; J. J. Silk, case corn; Enterprise Tea Co., one-half dozen china dishes; Smith & Herman, bunch bananas.

Markets—H. H. Ronk, ham; G. W. Clark, ham; J. C. Schwartz, ham; Swift Beef Co., ham; Totten's restaurant, half-gallon oysters; W. H. Harford, half-gallon oysters; Andrew Brown, half-gallon oysters; F. F. A. Behme, two chickens.

Clothers—M. B. Wolf, umbrella; Geo. W. Young, umbrella; Budwig & Co., silk muffler; Chas. Wolf's Sons, 55 children's suit; C. H. Ende, fifty cents; J. E. Adams, hat.

Hardware and Notions—Millspangh Hardware Co., nickel tea kettle; Hoyt & Gullaway, boiler and scissors; E. K. Dicknell, tin goods; G. A. Swalm & Son, tea kettle; J. H. Conkling, tea kettle, tin ware, etc.; S. W. McCarter, tea set; Brink & Clark, clothes wringer; Spooner & Ayers, nickel tea kettle; B. S. Dayton, whisk broom holder.

Jewelers—B. F. Gordon, silver tea pot; C. L. Swasey, lace pin.

Druggists—McMonagle & Rogers, one dozen opera cologne; J. E. Mills, half-dozen tooth powder, silver cleaner; J. J. Chambers, perfume; W. D. Olney, perfume; F. M. Prouk, perfume; R. C. Tuthill, dozen combs.

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	113½	111½
Sugar	72½	74
Tobacco	77½	77½
Chicago Gas	23	23
Nat. Lead	34½	34½
General Electric	67½	68½
Tenn. Coal and Iron	27	26½
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C. B. & Q.	74½	74½
C. M. & St. P.	75½	76½
R. I.	66½	66½
D. L. & W.	154	154
C. of N. J.	96½	97
Erie	14½	14½
D. and H.	105	105
O. & W.	14½	14½
Snusquehanna & Western	—	—
P. & R.	24½	24½
N. W.	104	104½
L. S.	157½	157
N. Y. C.	93	93
M. P.	20½	20½
Texas	9½	9½
U. P.	67½	67½
W. Union	82½	83½
L. & N.	49	49½
Manhattan	87½	88½
P. M.	25	25
Wabash, pref.	15½	15½
No. Pacific, pref.	38	38
May Park	75½	75½
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